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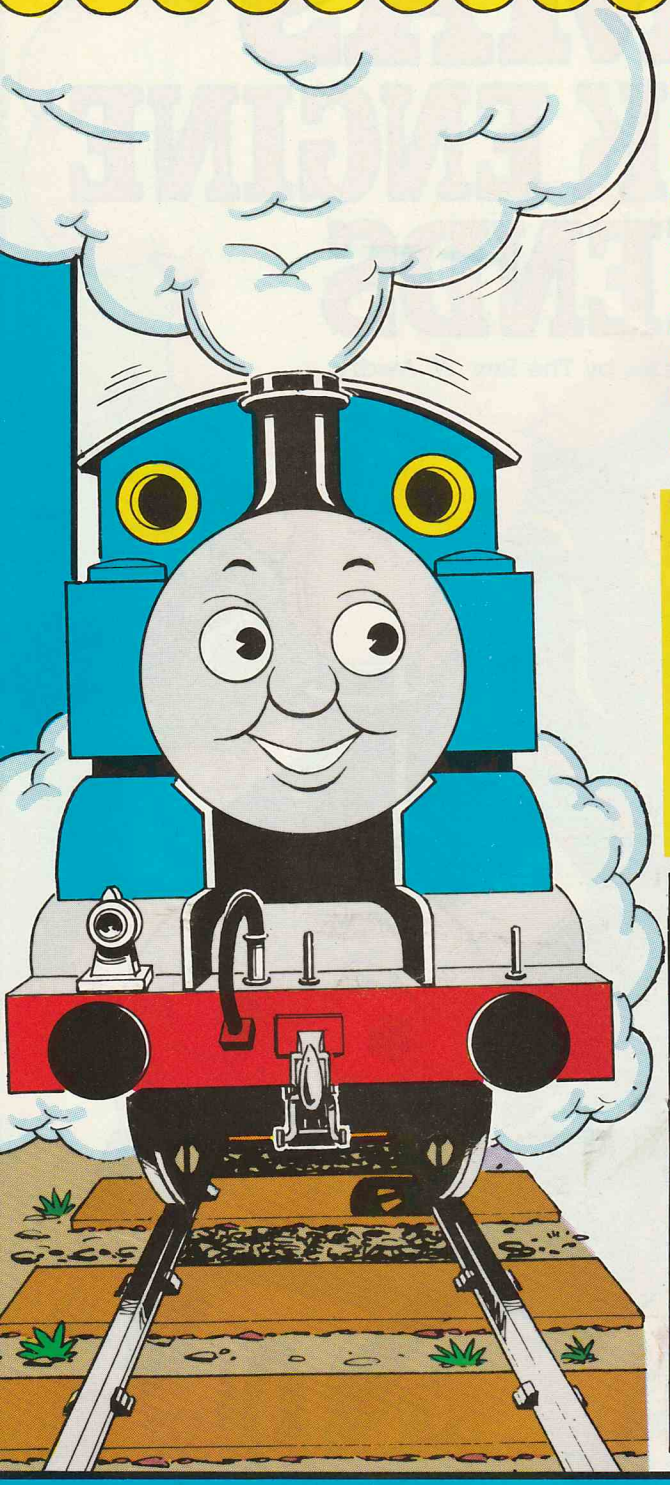

Peep! Peep! Duck enjoys working in the Big Harbour Yard. Sometimes, when lots of ships are being unloaded at once, the quayside can look very confusing, with trucks everywhere! One day, Duck was so busy clearing trucks that he didn't realise he was accidentally coupled to the back of Edward's train of trucks! You can find out what happened when he tried to pull away, when you read the story that begins on the next page! Peep! Peep!

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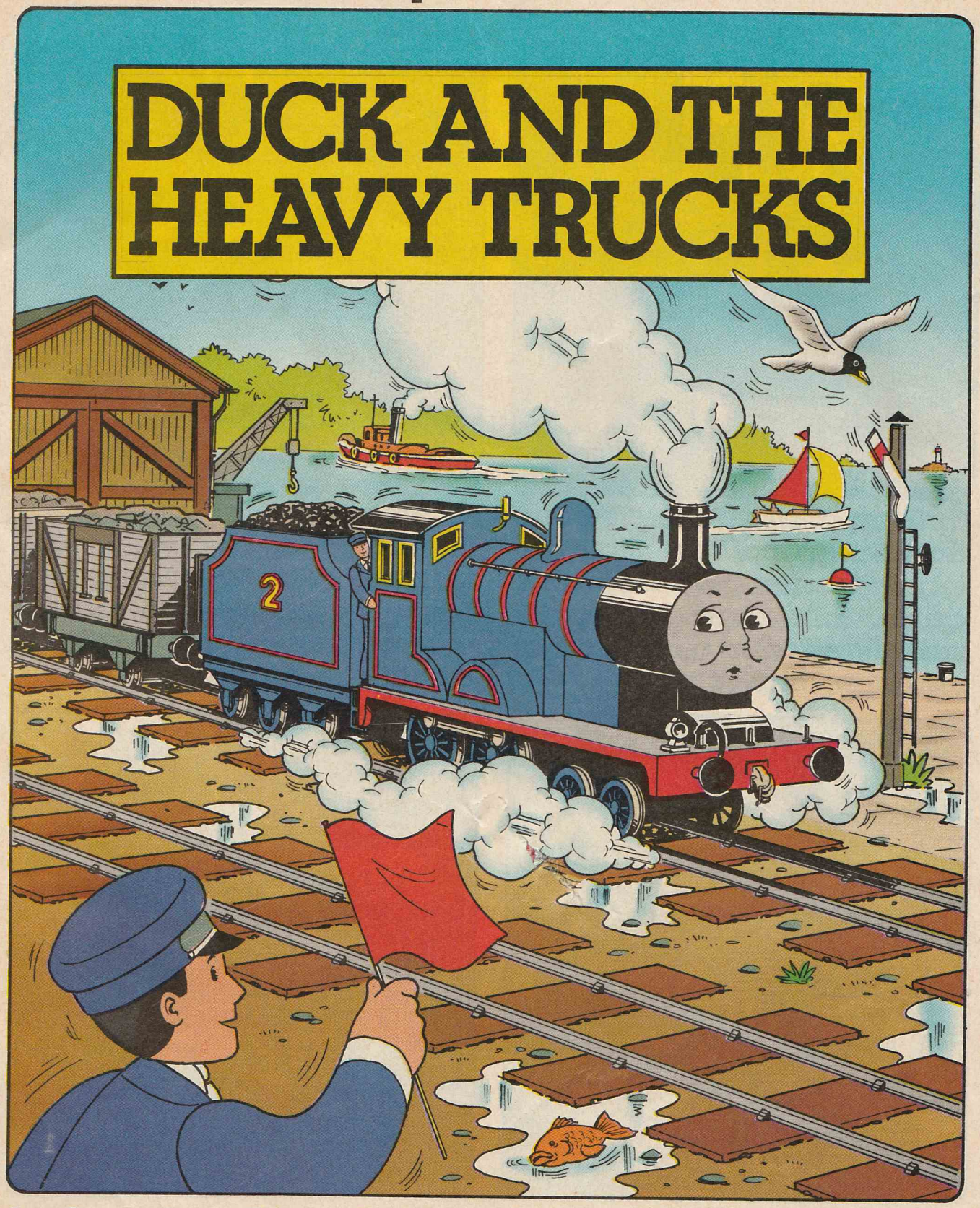
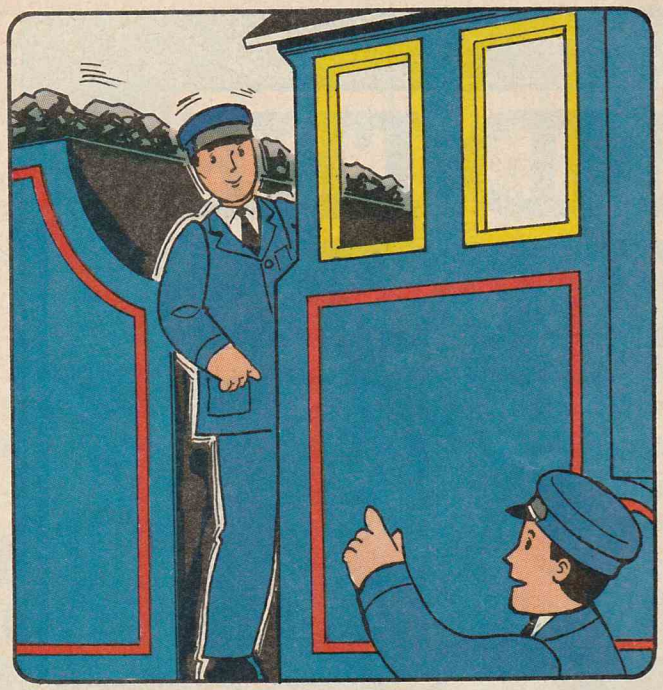
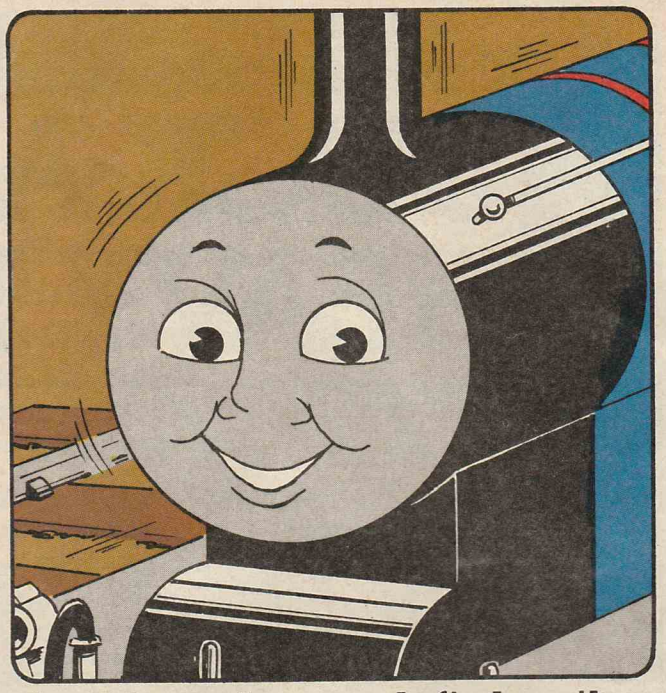


1. One day, Edward was taking some trucks into the Big Harbour Yard to deliver them to the dock. As he was crossing the yard, he saw a stop signal ahead.

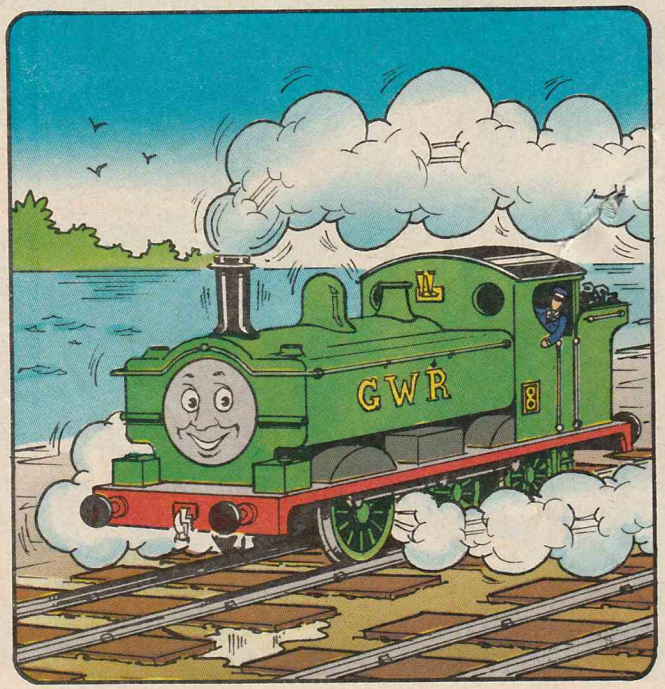
2. Edward stopped and waited but the signal didn't change. The Stationmaster arrived. "Sorry," he said, "but the dock isn't clear yet, you'll have to wait!"



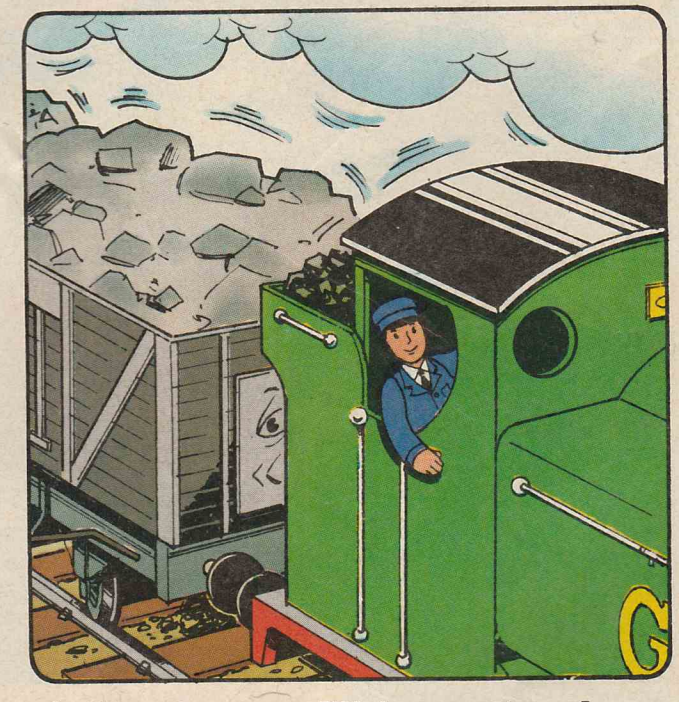
3. "Why don't you leave your train here and have a cup of tea with me?" So Edward's driver shut down Edward's steam and went off to have a refreshing cup of tea.



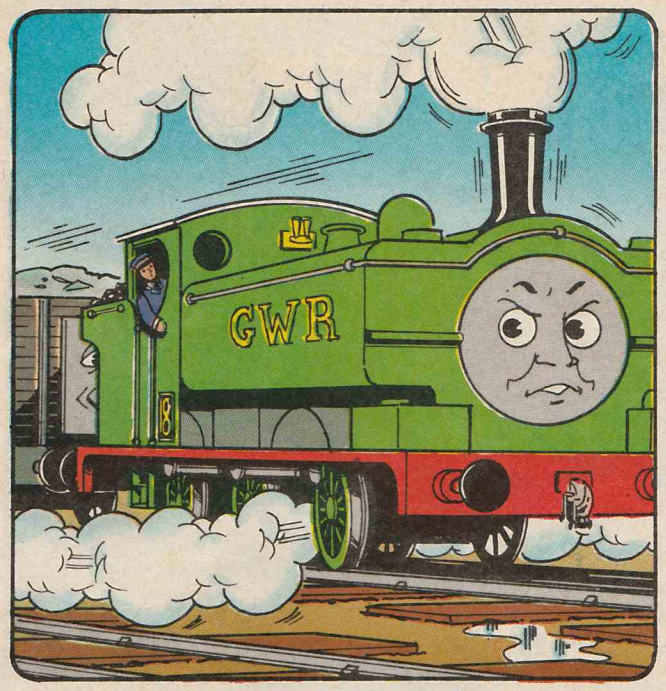
4. Edward was left by the signal. He enjoyed letting his boiler cool down and resting from making steam. Duck was nearby, shunting trucks about the harbour yard.



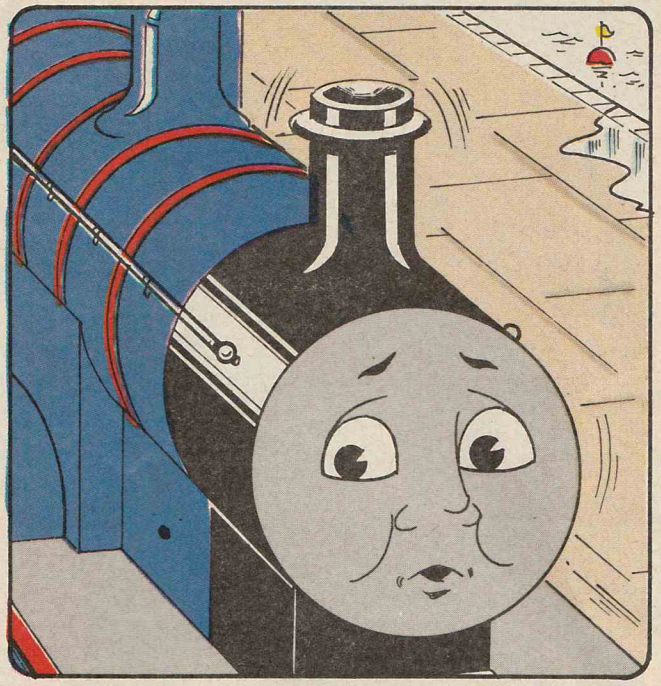
5. Backwards and forwards Duck shunted. Even though he worked quickly he was a little behind schedule. As Duck rushed along, he saw the back of Edward's trucks.



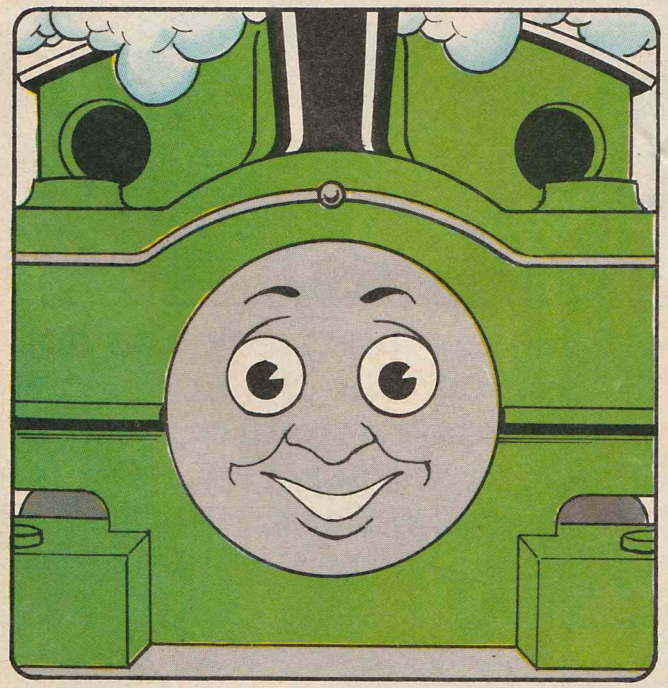
6. "I suppose I'll have to clear these trucks as well!" thought Duck, and Duck's driver agreed. Duck was coupled to the truck at the back of Edward's train.



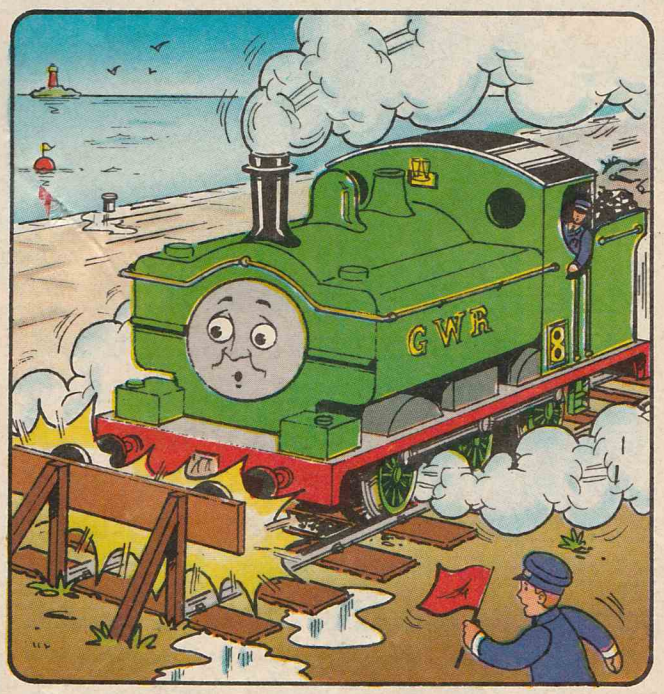
7. Duck began to pull. But the trucks were too heavy! Poor Edward was still coupled to the other end! He had his brakes locked on to stop him from rolling anywhere.



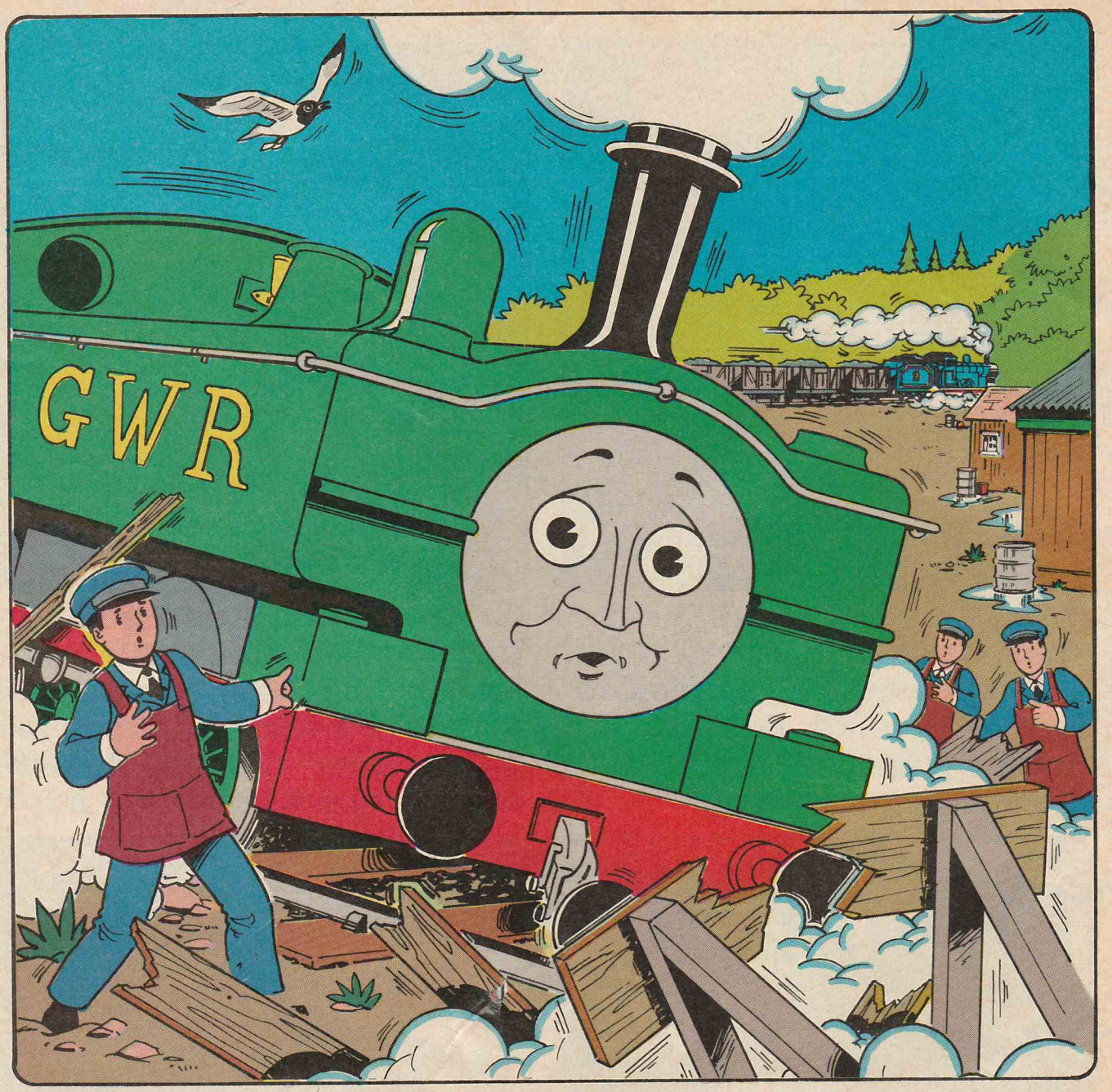
8. Edward felt Duck pulling and wanted to whistle out loud! But he had no steam to whistle with and no fireman to put on coal, to make steam! He didn't even have a guard!



9. Duck didn't know that Edward was on the other end of the trucks. He just wondered what was making the trucks so heavy! He put on more steam and pulled, until . . .



10. **Crack!** A coupling snapped and Duck steamed forwards, out of control! He didn't stop until he banged right into a buffer beam further along the line! **Crash!**



11. Duck's driver and guard went back along the line to see why the trucks could not be moved. They were very surprised when they realised that they had been trying to pull Edward's trucks **and** Edward! Duck's driver laughed loudly, "Even a Great Western Engine like Duck couldn't pull another engine with his brakes on!"

12. Meanwhile, Duck was not happy at all! He had only meant to be helpful and clear the yard of trucks. But now he was wedged into the damaged buffer and would have to wait for help to arrive. "You must be more careful which trucks you pull in future," whistled Edward, as he pulled away. "Indeed I will," sighed Duck.

THE END

Another story begins on page 13!

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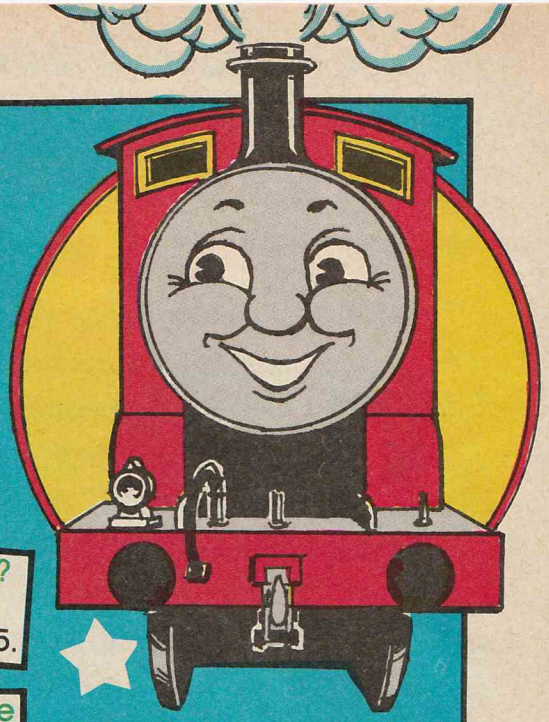


Which monster only knocks once?
The Knock Less Monster!
Michael, aged 6.

What car is like a sausage?
An old banger!
Stella, aged 5.

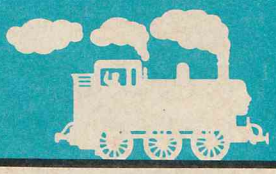
What is the best time to buy a budgie?
When it's going cheep!
Lyndsey, aged 5.

What did one wall say to the other?
I'll meet you at the corner!
Nicholas, aged 4.

What do baby apes sleep in?
Apricots!
Melanie, aged 4.

What did the big tomato say to the little tomato?
You go ahead and I'll ketchup!
Adam, aged 5.

Why do humming birds hum?
They don't know the words!
Lisa, aged 4.



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A read aloud story!

Thomas and t

Thomas was feeling quite sad. His two coaches, Annie and Clarabel, had gone into the maintenance shed to be cleaned.

The Fat Controller told Thomas that he would have to pull trucks in the yard, until they returned.

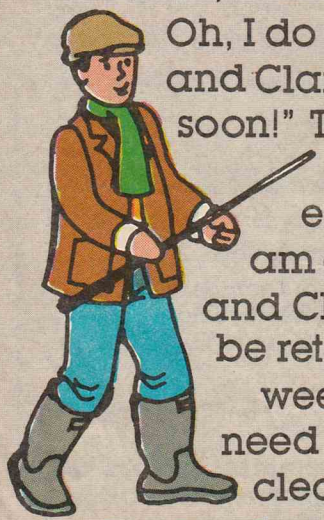
"Cheer up!" said Thomas's driver. "Trucks can carry all sorts of useful and interesting loads!"

"That may be so," said Thomas. "But they don't carry people!"

Later that evening in the shed, Gordon teased Thomas.

"I will be pulling the Express tomorrow. What will you be pulling, Thomas?" he said.

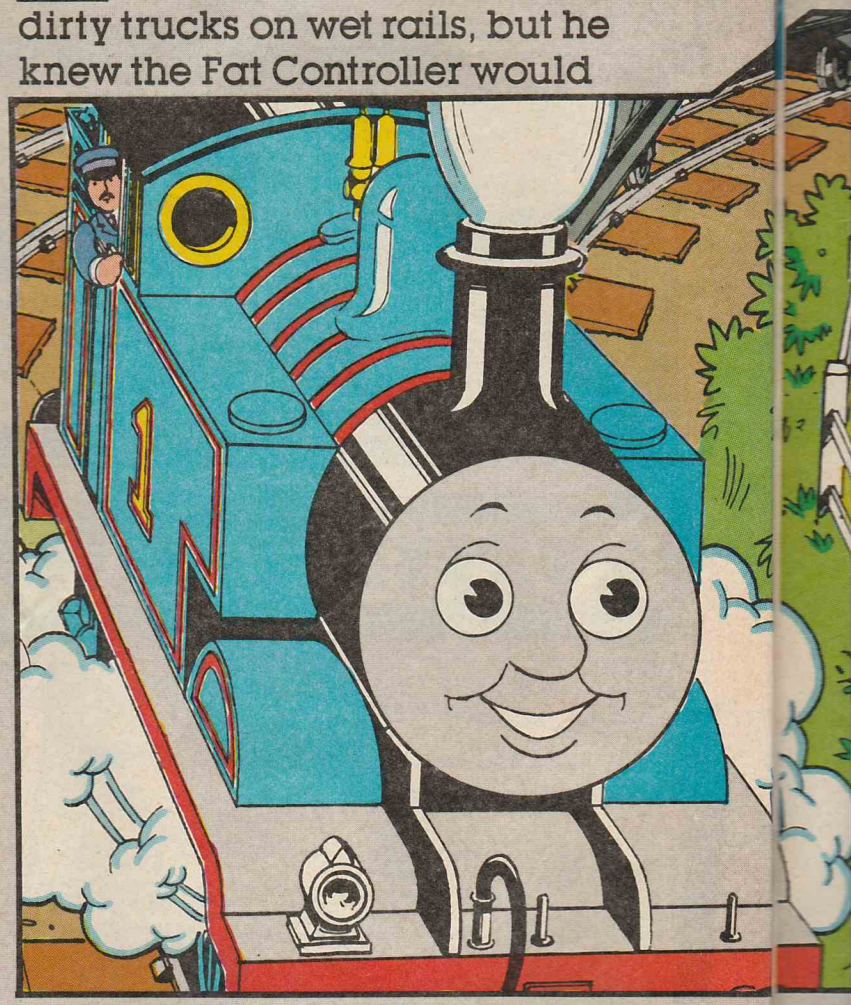
"You know very well," sulked Thomas, "Pulling more trucks!



Oh, I do hope that Annie and Clarabel come back soon!" The Fat Controller overheard the engines talking. "I am afraid that Annie and Clarabel will not be returning until next week, Thomas. They need a thorough clean!" he said.

This made Thomas more sad.

The next day, the weather was very grey and rainy. Thomas didn't want to pull dirty trucks on wet rails, but he knew the Fat Controller would



be cross if he didn't help in the yard.

Thomas was soon coupled to a long line of trucks and he slowly pulled away.

"We must take these supplies to the station at the end of the line, for the hill farms," said Thomas's driver.

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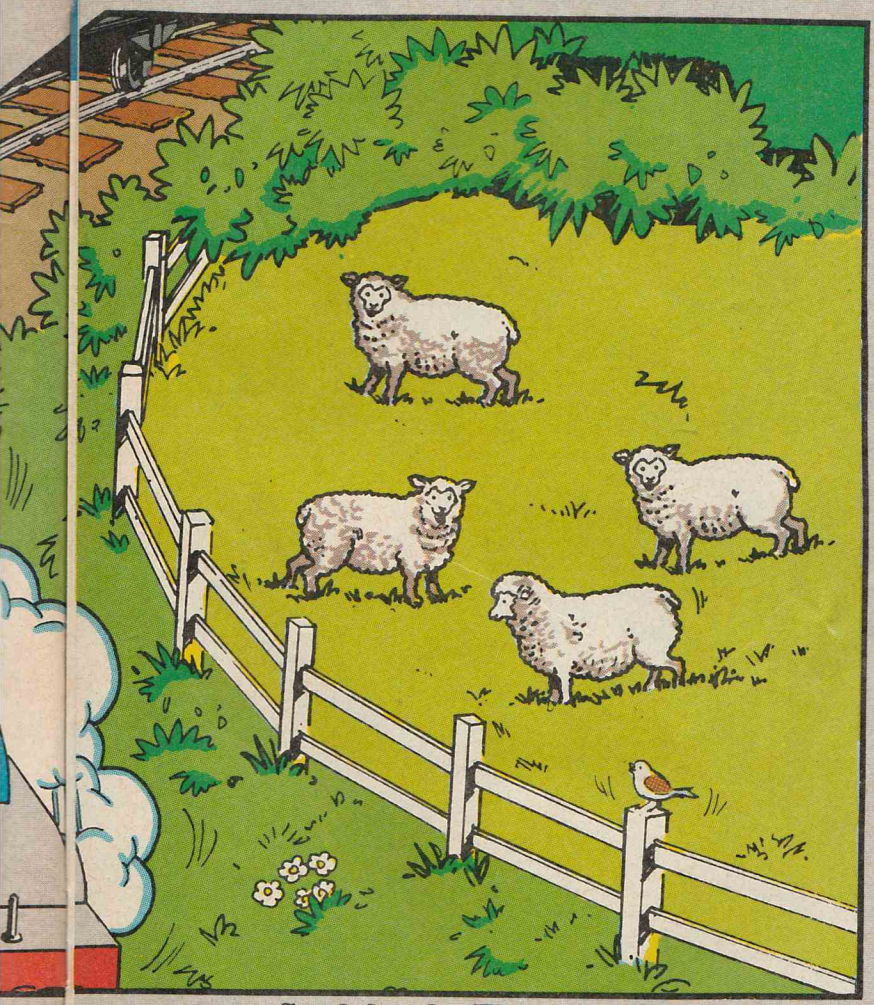
the Shepherd!

Before long, Thomas was amidst beautiful meadows full of farm animals. He travelled below a steep cliff.



Suddenly, Thomas and his driver saw someone waving.

"Oh, dear!" exclaimed Thomas's driver. "That shepherd looks as if he needs help!"

Thomas's driver quickly put on Thomas's brakes. The frightened shepherd called out. "I've been trapped on this ledge for hours! I slipped over a bank while rescuing a sheep!"

"We must hurry," said Thomas's driver. "The ledge looks very dangerous!"

"I have an idea," said Thomas to his driver. And he explained his plan.

Soon, Thomas pulled away and his driver told the shepherd they would not be long.

In no time at all, Thomas returned. Thomas and his driver had visited a nearby farm. Thomas's driver had spread a thick layer of straw over the floor of one of the empty trucks.

Thomas approached the ledge and stopped so that the truck full of straw was under the ledge.

The shepherd held his sheep securely and jumped down onto the soft straw.

Before long, everyone had heard about the rescue. Thomas felt very proud. "You see, trucks can sometimes carry passengers – and rescue them too!" he proudly boasted to Gordon.

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Who is he pulling?

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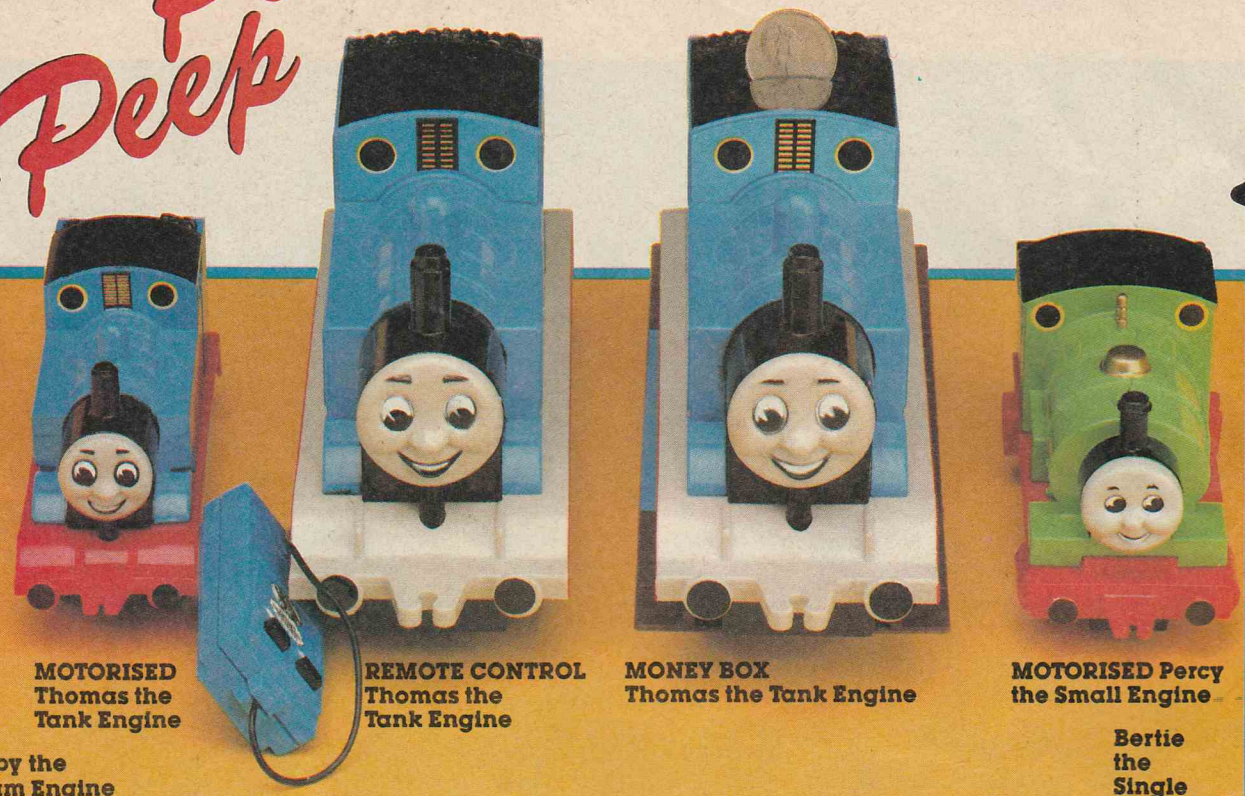

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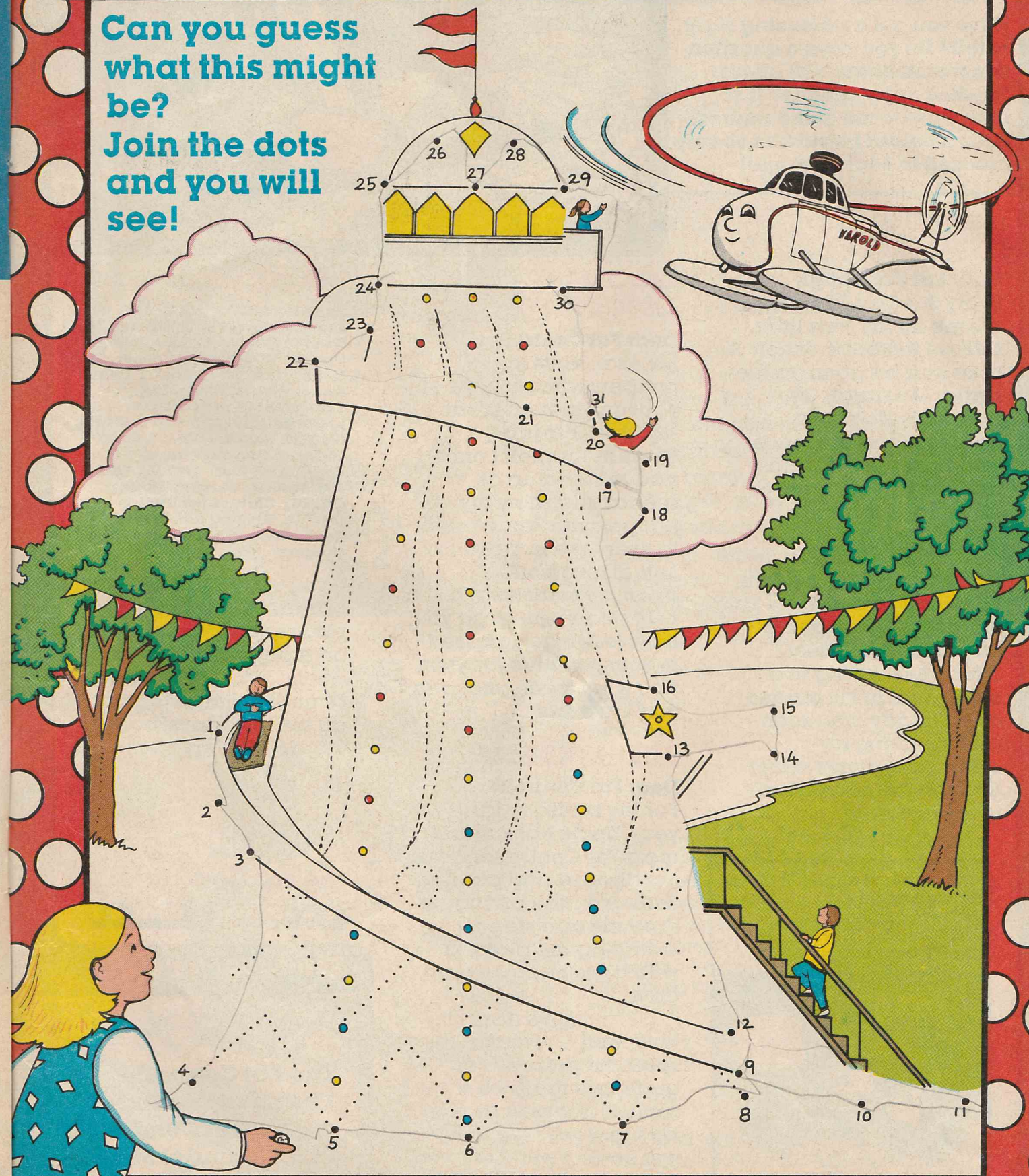

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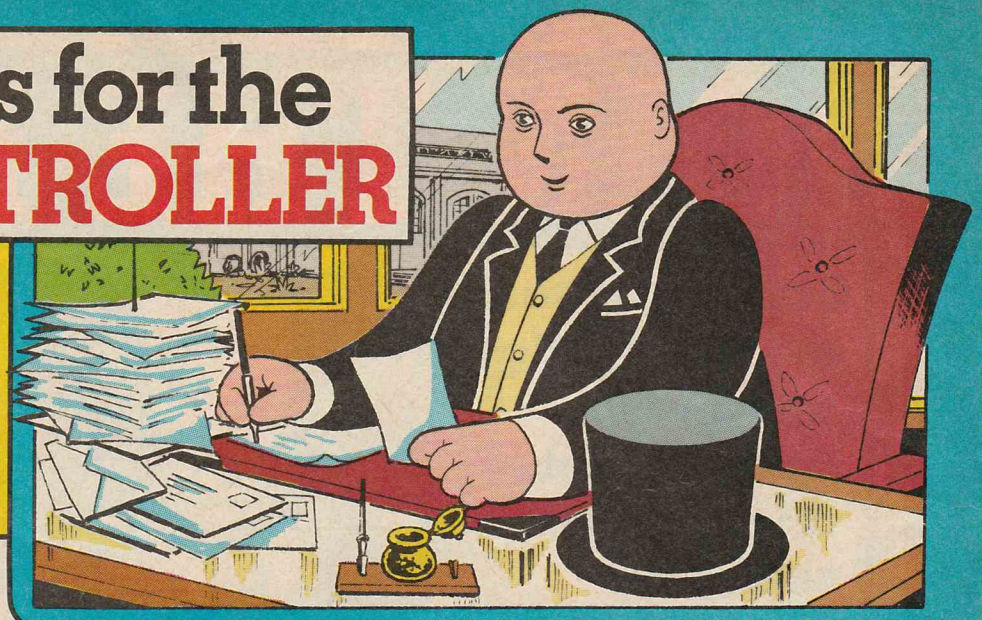

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
Every Sunday, Mummy sits me on my own little seat on the back of her bike and we go up to the station, to watch the trains. My dog, Pete, chases along the fence and barks at the trains and the drivers wave to us. Sunday is my favourite day!

Love from **James,**
aged 4.

I do agree, James! Sunday is my favourite day of the week, too! I often enjoy sitting in a comfy seat in my garden on a Sunday afternoon and watching my splendid engines steam through the countryside in the distance.

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Dear Fat Controller,
My gran knits me jumpers with pictures of your engines on them. My favourite is my Thomas jumper! I once had to stand up at school and show my jumper with James on it to everyone in the class! Lots of love from **Richard.**

Upon my soul! *What a very smart young lad you must look when dressed in your splendid jumpers. And what a talented gran you have too!*

JUST LIKE ME!

Dear Fat Controller,
For my birthday last year, Uncle Mick made me a Fat Controller from hardboard and painted it. He is a little bit bigger than me and stands watching me playing with all my trains every day!

Love from **Sam.**

Well, well . . . what a splendid present! I'm quite sure that with a replica of myself by your side that your engines will be very well behaved indeed!

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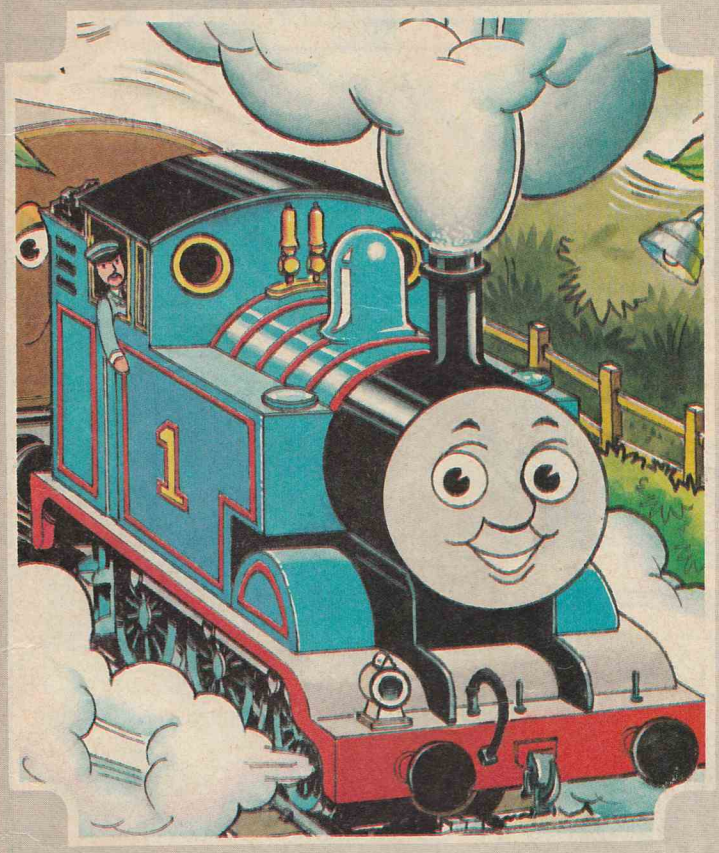

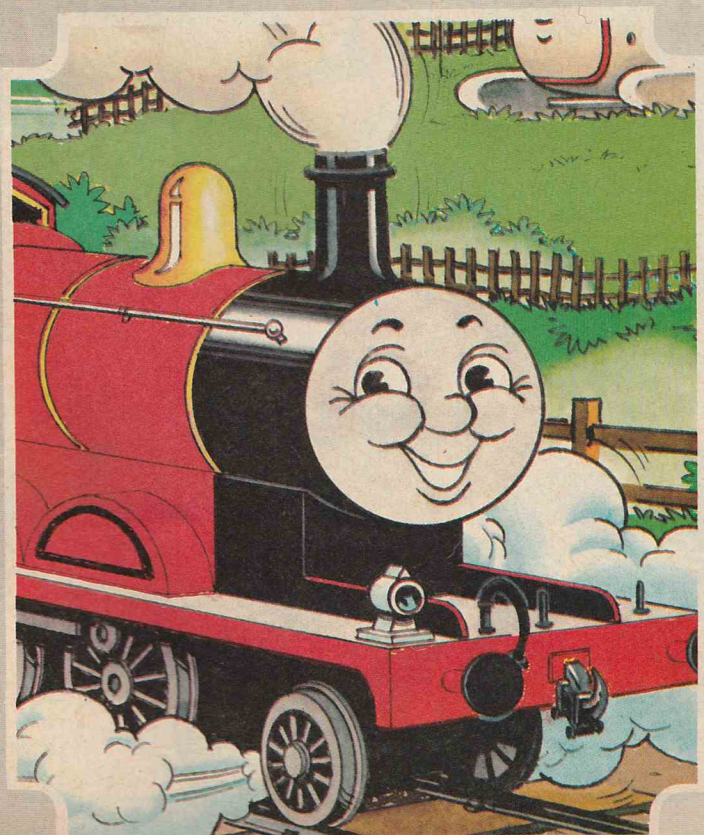

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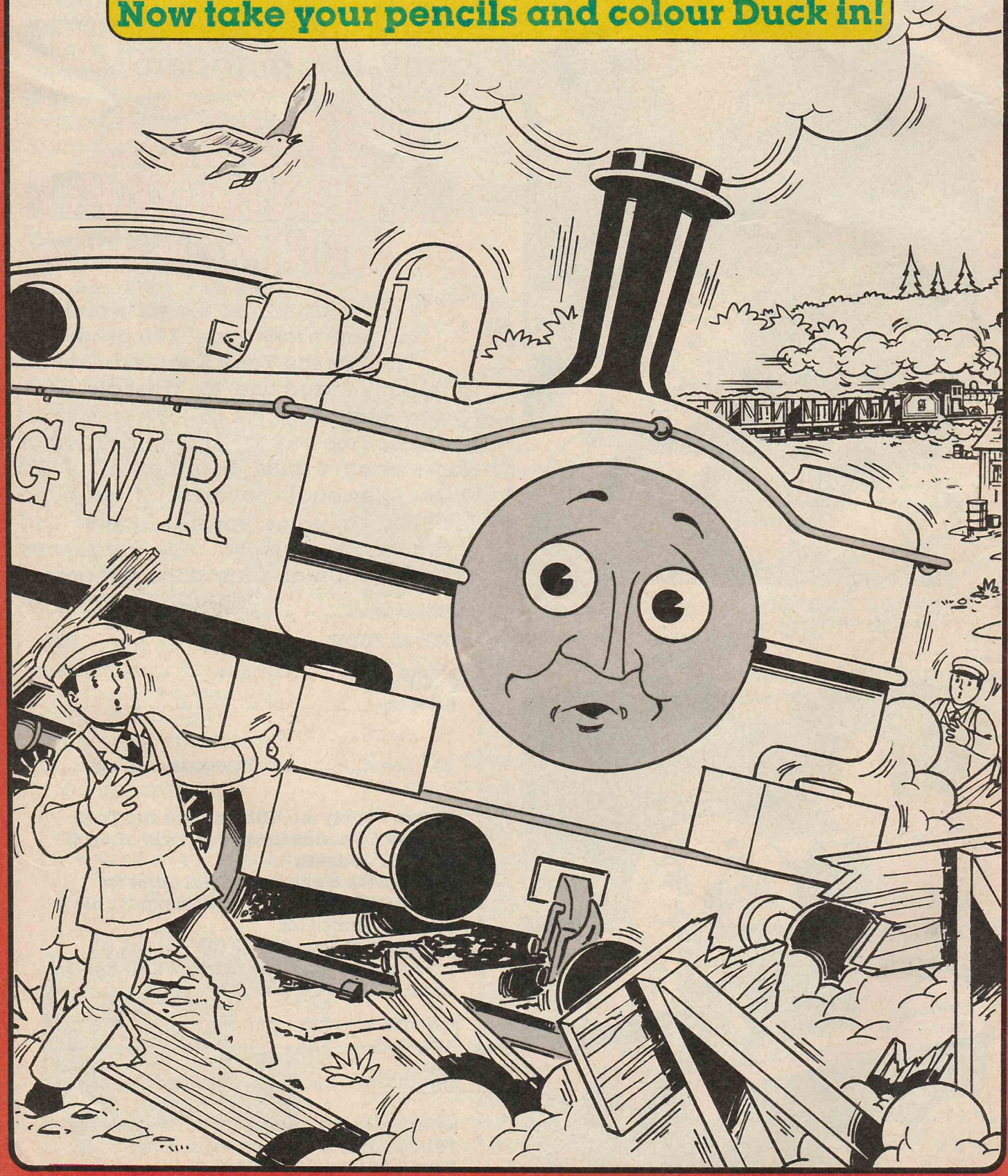
Now take your pencils and colour Duck in!



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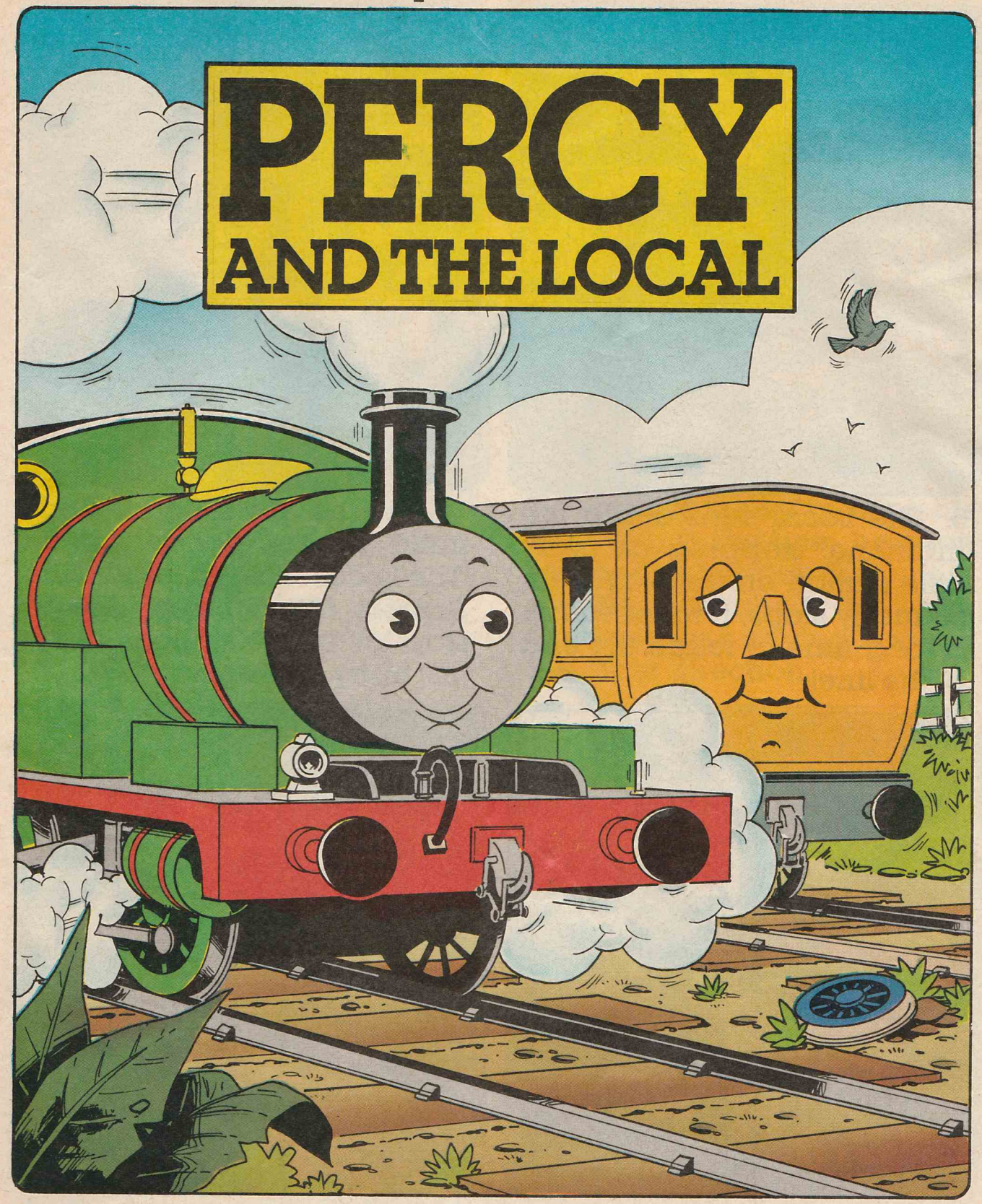
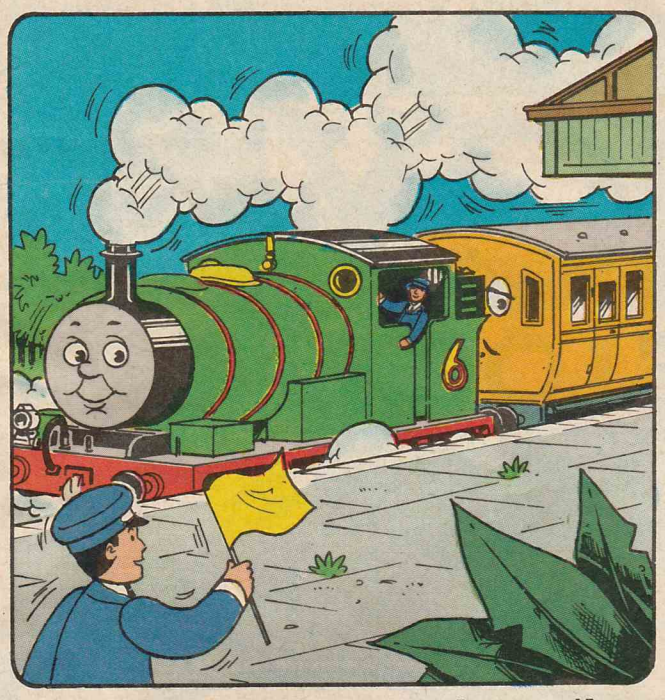


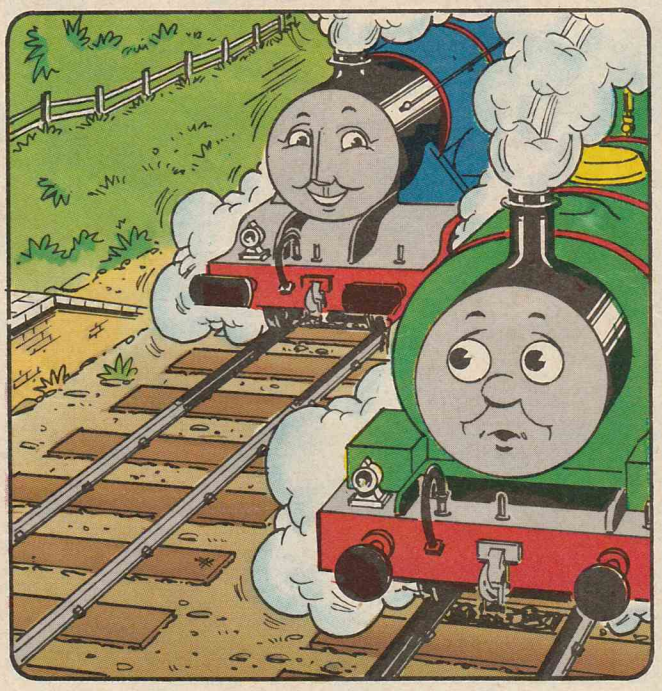
1. On the Fat Controller's railway there is one particular journey that Percy enjoys enormously. That is to pull the slow passenger train nicknamed 'The Local'.

2. When Annie and Clarabel are not with Thomas on his branch line, Percy collects them from their siding. The two coaches are always very happy to see Percy.

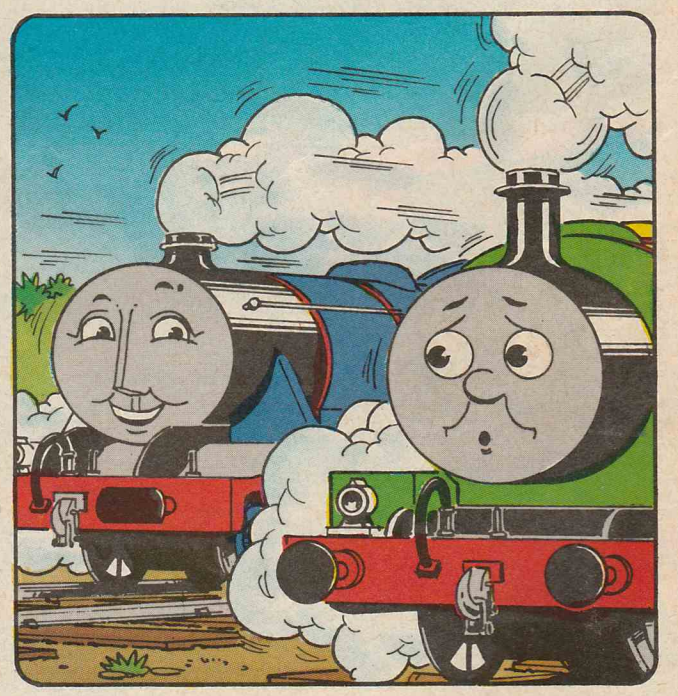


3. 'The Local' runs along the mainline, stopping at every little station on the way. With so many stops, it takes rather a long time to reach the end of the line!

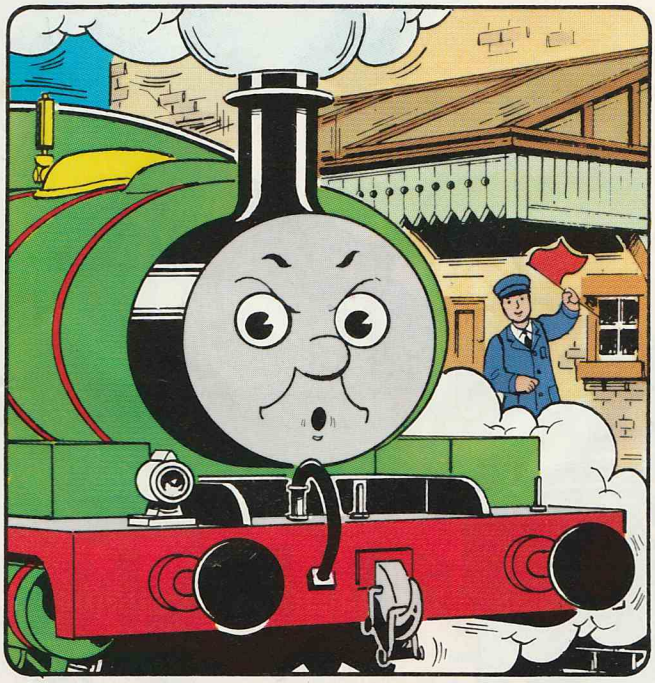
4. But the passengers don't mind. They're glad to ride on 'The Local'. Fast trains like the Express never have time to stop at small stations. They just hurry on through.



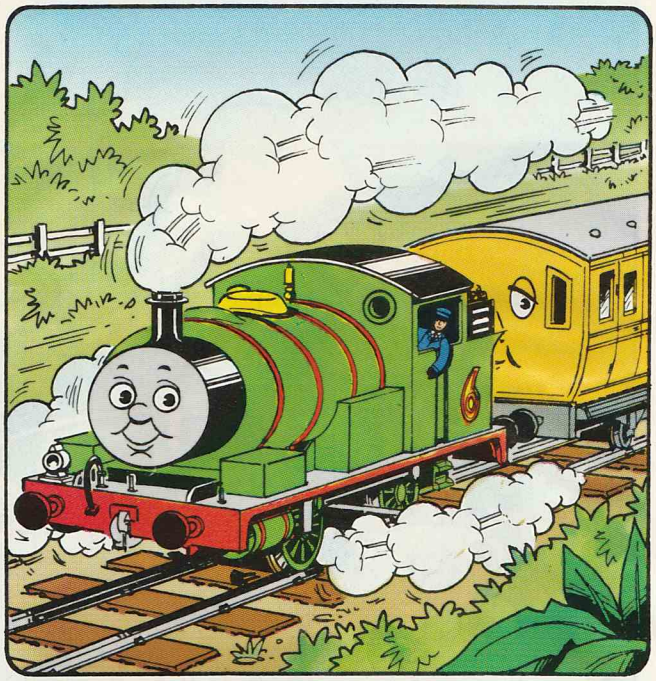
5. But Gordon doesn't like 'The Local'. "It is nothing but a nuisance," he grumbles. "Peeep! Peep!" Gordon bellowed one morning. "Look out, slow coach! Hurry! Hurry!"



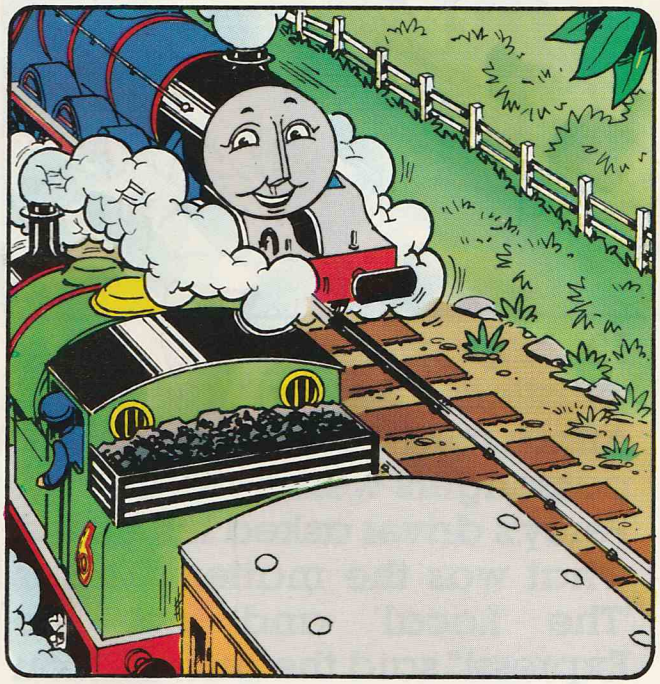
6. Whoosh! Gordon's Express came hurrying past Percy on the other track! The rush of air rattled poor Annie and Clarabel and shook the poor passengers in their seats!



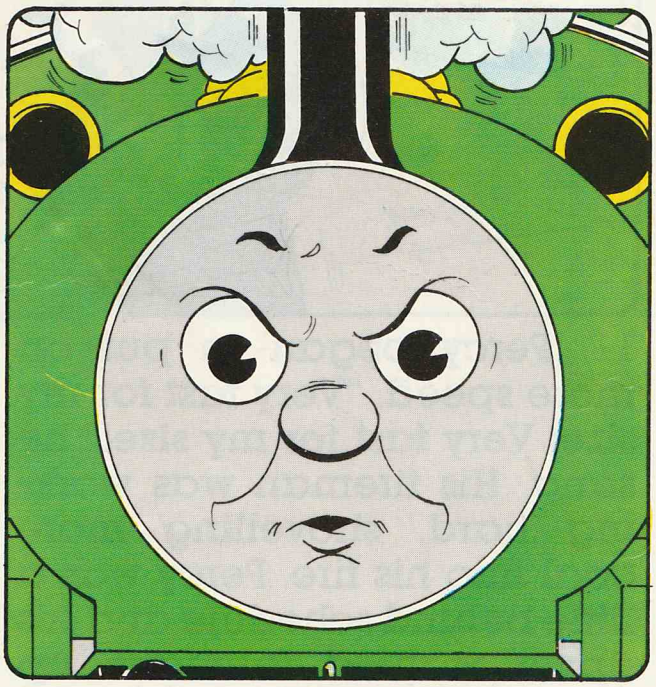
7. "Do you mind?" shouted Percy at the top of his voice. "I'm all shaken up!" "Don't waste your steam, Percy," sang Annie and Clarabel. "It's no use!"



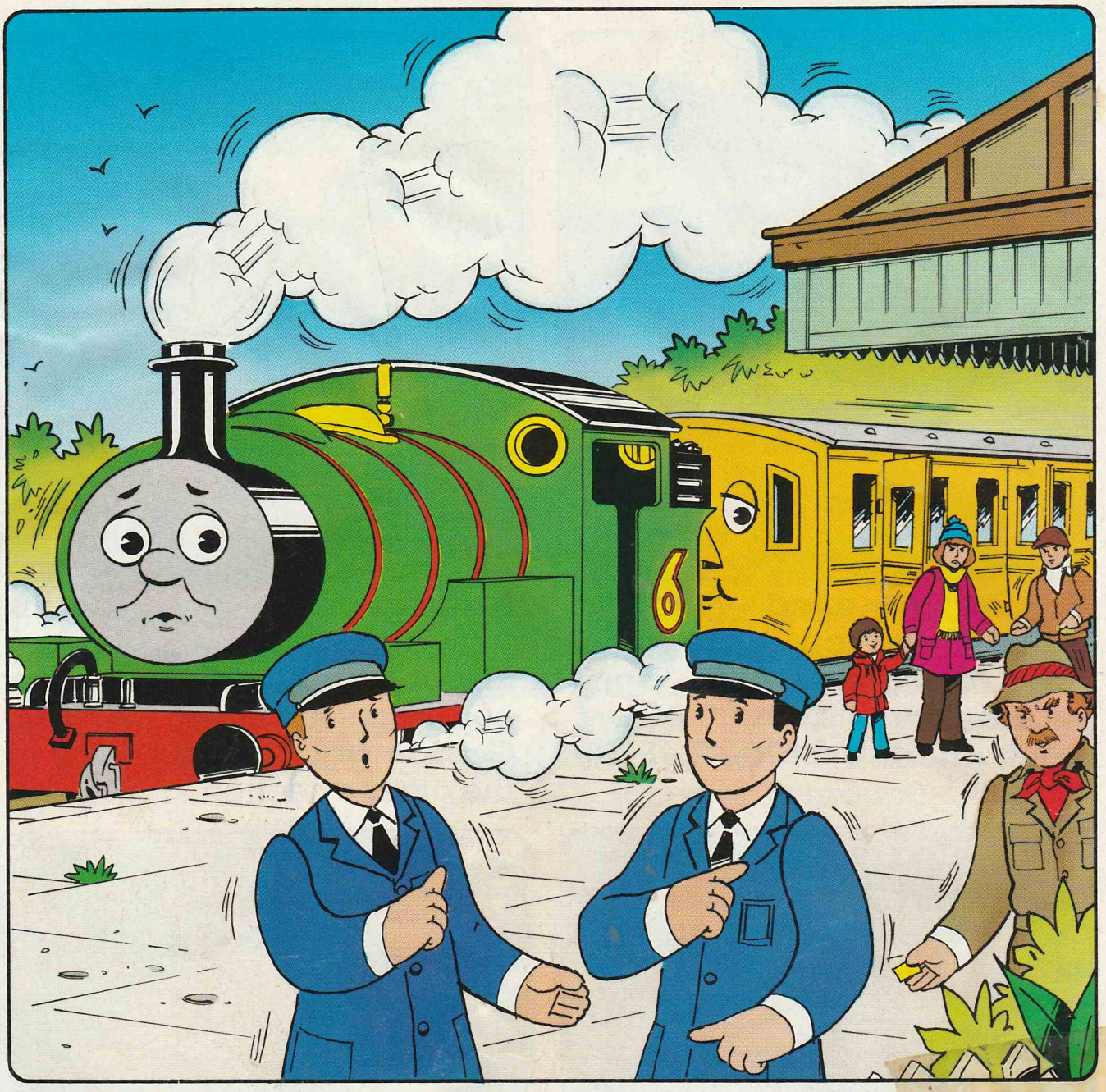
8. Percy continued making his way along the line, he soon forgot being cross. But before he had finished his run, Gordon was hurrying back in the other direction.



9. "Peeep! Peep!" he whistled. "Still here, slow coach?" And Percy was angry all over again. "Gordon is a big, bossy engine who goes too fast," agreed Annie and Clarabel.



10. But Percy was too cross to listen. "He's such a . . . a tender engine!" cried Percy angrily. "I am not a slow coach! I'm a tank engine and I'm very fast indeed for my size!"



11. Percy began to put on more speed. "Very fast for my size! Very fast for my size!" he sang. His fireman was working hard, shovelling more coal into his fire. Percy was a little behind schedule and his driver wanted to make up time! "Hurry! Hurry!" sang Annie and Clarabel and they reached the end of the line two minutes early!

12. "Pip, pip! Hurray!" Percy whistled. "Hurray!" answered Annie and Clarabel. But the passengers weren't so happy. Percy's driver asked his guard what was the matter. "This is 'The Local' and not the Express!" said the guard. "You forgot to stop at the last station!" Percy realised that 'The Local' and the Express were both important!

THE END

More fun on the line in our next issue!